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December 01, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

36 December 1, 2015

  
PATRICK O'QUINN  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
SAN GABRIEL BOULEVARD/PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD  
FROM HUNTINGTON DRIVE TO MONTEBELLO BOULEVARD  
IN THE CITIES OF MONTEBELLO, ROSEMEAD,  
SAN GABRIEL, AND SAN MARINO AND IN VARIOUS  
UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREAS  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to award a construction contract to California Professional Engineering, Inc., for San Gabriel Boulevard/Paramount Boulevard from Huntington Drive to Montebello Boulevard, and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a construction contract for work in the Cities of Montebello, Rosemead, San Gabriel, and San Marino and in various unincorporated areas in the County of Los Angeles.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a construction contract and establish the effective date following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificate filed by the contractor for Project ID No. TSM0010195 – San Gabriel Boulevard/Paramount Boulevard from Huntington Drive to Montebello Boulevard, for modification and synchronization of traffic signals, in the Cities of Montebello, Rosemead, San Gabriel, and San Marino and in various unincorporated areas in the County of Los Angeles, to California Professional Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$2,081,682.20.

2. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or her designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code relative to the construction of County buildings; (2) accept the project upon its final completion; (3) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code Sections 7101 and 9203.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from the Board to award this construction contract, authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute the construction contract, and establish the effective contract date following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificate filed by the contractor for this project.

On August 18, 2015, Agenda Item 20, the Board approved the project; adopted the plans and specifications; called for bids to be received on September 15, 2015; and instructed the Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project.

The enclosure includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening date, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposal are also enclosed for this project.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). Awarding this construction contract will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected Cities and communities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

This action will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The construction contract cost of \$2,081,682.20 is included in the Proposition C Local Return Fund Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget.

The enclosure includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate, the other bids received, and more detailed fiscal and financial information.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. The recommended contract was solicited on an open-competitive basis and is in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractor is in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and the Board's requirements.

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 120 working days. It is anticipated the work will start in February 2016 and be completed in July 2016.

The award of this contract will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. This contract contains terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; Local Business Enterprise Preference Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204; and the standard Board directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with the Department of Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On August 18, 2015, Agenda Item 20, the Board found this project to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contract was solicited on an open-competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the State Public Contract Code.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

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To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, this project was listed on both the County's "Doing Business with Us" and Public Works' "Contract Opportunities" websites for upcoming bids.

Public Works will review and approve the Faithful Performance and payment bonds filed by the contractor.

In addition, in order to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works will be coordinating with the Office of Small Business to maximize outreach.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This construction contract will result in improved public works infrastructure in the community where the work is scheduled.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,



GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Internal Services Department (Countywide  
Contract Compliance)

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
December 1, 2015

PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010195 – San Gabriel Boulevard/Paramount Boulevard from Huntington Drive to Montebello Boulevard (in the Cities of Montebello, Rosemead, San Gabriel, and San Marino and in various unincorporated County areas), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 5.

TYPE OF WORK: Modification and synchronization of traffic signals and the performance of other incidental and appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: August 18, 2015 (Agenda Item 20)

BID OPENING DATE: September 15, 2015

BID SUMMARY:

Low	California Professional Engineering, Inc.* 929 Otterbein Avenue, Unit E La Puente, California 91748 (626) 810-1338	\$2,081,682.20
2	Dynalectric	\$2,096,405.00
3	Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc.	\$2,143,135.00
4	Select Electric, Inc.	\$2,464,668.00
5	Steiny and Company, Inc.	\$2,782,464.23

\*Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE)

Crosstown Electrical & Data, Inc., also submitted a bid in the amount of \$2,640,297. However, they did not use the County's standard form for the bid bond. Therefore, it's bid was considered nonresponsive as provided by the Instructions to Bidders and Section 2-1.1 of the specifications.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$1,928,509.70
Amount of recommended contract	\$2,081,682.20
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 153,172.50

The amount of the recommended contract is 7.9 percent above the estimate.

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$3,361,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, materials testing, construction engineering, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services. See the table for the share of the total project cost amongst the jurisdictions involved.

Jurisdiction	Project Costs
County	\$ 912,000
Montebello	\$ 377,000
Rosemead	\$ 587,000
San Gabriel	\$ 1,391,000
San Marino	\$ 94,000
Total	\$ 3,361,000

The project cost will be financed with \$2,454,000 in Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds for the San Gabriel Valley Traffic Signal Forum, and \$907,000 in County Proposition C Local Return funds. The Board has established a \$2,500,000 top-of-pot annual allocation from the County's Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget for the Countywide Traffic Congestion Management Program. The \$907,000 will be funded from this allocation.

Financing for the construction of this project is included in the Proposition C Local Return Fund Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget.

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